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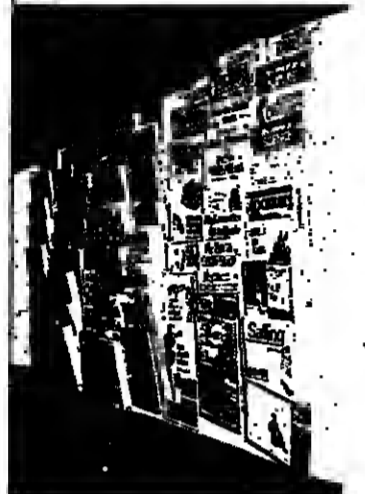
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and well-known modern and classical books. Extra activities will be put on for children visiting the exhibition, such as short film shows, story telling, songs and short plays.

By Irena Ramadan (Special to the Jordan Times) Our children discover the world of the printed word. has been the slogan of publishers over the 15 years.

In fact, the exhibition includes several thousand books for the 6-16 age group -- plus a series of picture books for little children. The Friends of Children Theatre has imported over 100,000 copies, which will be sold at cost price.



Books, books, books... A children's feast. The richness of such a selection. It is a real "intellectual" pleasure to run your eyes over the pop-up books, the hard-back picture books, the paper-backs...

JUSTICE MINISTRY OFFICIALS IN FOR PAY RISE

AMMAN (JNA). — Minister of Justice Ahmad Al Tarawneh presided over a press conference Wednesday during which he explained that the ministry has drawn up a new list of allowances for degree holders...



Minister of Public Works Said Bino (left) explains a point to Premier Mudar Badran after a meeting at his ministry Wednesday to review construction projects. (JNA photo).

Badran presides over public works meeting

AMMAN (JNA). — Prime Minister Mudar Badran Wednesday presided over a meeting at the Ministry of Public Works to look into the ministry's projects. Speaking at the beginning of the meeting, Mr. Badran stressed that a person's attachment to his country is the heart of good work and progress.

R.C. ARCHBISHOP URGES SUPPORT FOR ARABS IN OCCUPIED LANDS

AMMAN (R). — The Roman Catholic Archbishop of Amman, Monsignor Nifmeh Al Sam'an, called on all states to support Arabs in the occupied territories and their "revolution against Israeli occupation," according to Al Ra'i Wednesday.

AMMAN HOSTS 1980 MINERAL CONFERENCE

RABAT, March 20 (JNA). — The Third Arab Conference on Mineral Wealth has chosen Amman as its next meeting place in 1980. In its final session here Tuesday, the conference decided to establish an all-Arab organization for mineral wealth with its head office here...

NATIONAL NOTES

- * AMMAN. — His Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the Viceroy, received visiting Syrian Minister of Higher Education, Dr. Mohammad Ali Hashem, Tuesday.
* AMMAN. — The members of the Council of the Union of Arab Universities visited the central Ghor Wednesday afternoon and looked over a number of agricultural projects underway there.
* AMMAN. — The Armed Forces chief of staff and acting commander-in-chief graduated a new group of special force paratroopers and Public Security members Wednesday.
* AMMAN. — The director of development and planning at Yarmouk University returned here Wednesday after attending a conference on public administration held in Atlanta, Georgia, April 5.
* AMMAN. — Speaker of the Upper House Bahjat Talhouni received the Bulgarian charge d'affaires in Amman Wednesday.

University meet urges exposure of Israeli education distortion

AMMAN (JNA). — The Council of the Union of Arab Universities has urged the exposure of the Israeli policy to distort curricula and textbooks in the occupied Arab territories. The council formed an ad-hoc committee to follow up Israeli actions against higher education and suggest how Arab higher education institutions in the occupied areas are to be bolstered to enable them to carry out their educational work.

Prince Hassan to attend ILO conference

AMMAN (JNA). — His Highness Prince Hassan, the Viceroy, has received an invitation to attend the 63rd Conference of the International Labour Organisation (ILO) to be held in Geneva in June. Prince Hassan will speak on labour and the conditions of workers with particular emphasis on the labour movement in Jordan.

Jordanians in Gulf establish Exchange Rates contracting co.

AMMAN (JNA). — The Housing Bank and the Retirement Fund have each bought five per cent of the shares of a new Arab contracting company registered here Wednesday.

ECWA meet opens Sunday

AMMAN (JNA). — His Highness Prince Hassan, the Viceroy, will open the fourth session of the United Nations Economic Committee for Western Asia (ECWA) at Al Hussein Youth City, Sunday. ECWA Executive Director Dr. Mohammad said Al Attar will hold a press conference at the organization's provisional head office in Amman Saturday on the points to be discussed at the five-day session.

SYRIAN TOURIST MINISTER HERE

AMMAN (JNA). — The Syrian Minister of Tourism, Dr. Ghassan Shalhoub, arrived here from Damascus Wednesday to attend the three-day meeting of the joint Jordanian-Syrian Tourist Committee starting Wednesday. Dr. Shalhoub, said on arrival that the committee will discuss a number of subjects related to tourist coordination between the two countries, including marketing and joint tourist projects and companies.

Table of exchange rates for various currencies including U.K. sterling, U.S. dollar, German mark, French franc, Swiss franc, Italian lira, Saudi riyal, Lebanese pound, Syrian pound, Iraqi dinar, Kuwaiti dinar, Libyan dinar, Egyptian pound, and UAE dirham.

AMMAN MARKET PLACE

Advertisements for furniture stores including 'FURNITURE', 'AD-DAR', and 'Scandinavian Show Room'.

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Sophisticated snow-grooming machinery tailors ideal ski conditions

WASHINGTON (CSM). — Take a ski trail that is scratchy, icy, peppered with bare spots, or knee-deep in hard-to-manage powder, and make it skiable. Take another which has good snow and make that precious "white gold" last longer.

These are the basic tasks of the "snow farmers".

Not too many years ago skiers in most parts of the United States had to cope with inconsistent snow. This was especially troublesome in the East, where there is generally less snow to begin with.

In addition, widely varying Eastern temperatures often cause snow to partially thaw during daytime hours and refreeze at night into anything from an unmanageable crust to a dangerous layer of ice.

In the West the main problems were trail patches worn rough by heavy use, or powder deep enough to make it tough for beginning or intermediate level skiers to negotiate the slopes.

But machinery to move, renovate, or manufacture snow, coupled with the ski owners' realization they can help Mother Nature provide a better ski season, have changed all that.

Today there is a wide variety of snow grooming machines in use, some of which bear remarkable similarity to farming equipment. There are mogul-planers, disks and fillers, scarifiers and compactors, powder makers, U-blades, rollers, and many more.

With them ski area managers can collect freshly fallen snow and store it until it is needed on their trails. They can bring skied-off snow back to the trails, they can mix oew powder with sturdier older snow for longer life, and they can break up extremely hard and thick ice into snow that pleases all but the most avid of powder hounds.

Currently, the use of sophisticated snow grooming machinery and techniques is blossoming into major proportions. Many of the basics for today's technology, however, were developed in various parts of the country two decades ago.

In 1950, quite by accident, Joseph C. Tropeano invented snowmaking. Mr. Tropeano's firm, Larchmont Farms, in Lexington, Massachusetts, was experimenting with equipment which it hoped would cause an artificial cloud to form over Florida orange groves, protecting the fruit from frost on chilly nights.

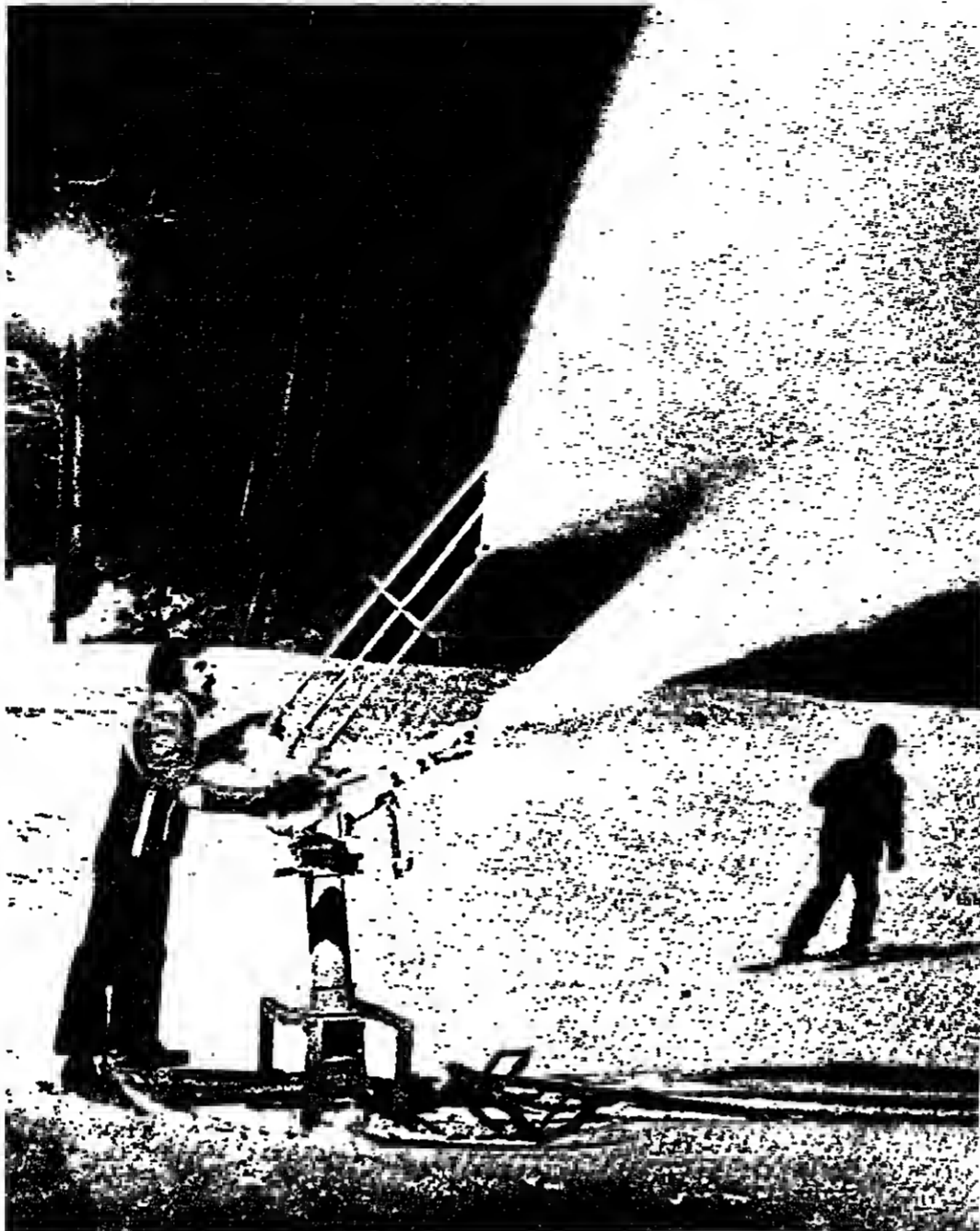
One morning, after leaving the machine on all night, Mr. Tropeano and his associates were surprised to find four feet of artificial snow on the ground. Since then they have introduced snowmaking equipment as ski areas in New England, and this year Mr. Tropeano and others are showing their wares in the Rockies and the Sierras.

At about the same time it was snowing in Mr. Tropeano's mock-up orange grove, Fred Pabst, operator of Vermont's Bromley ski area, had another idea.

He noted that his slopes would require a lot less snow to ski on if there weren't so many stumps, rocks, and gulleys on them for the snow to cover.

Most areas have picked up on Mr. Pabst's ideas in a big way. Each summer ski surfaces are gone over carefully. Stumps are removed and runoffs are devised to carry melting snow away quickly before it can damage the area.

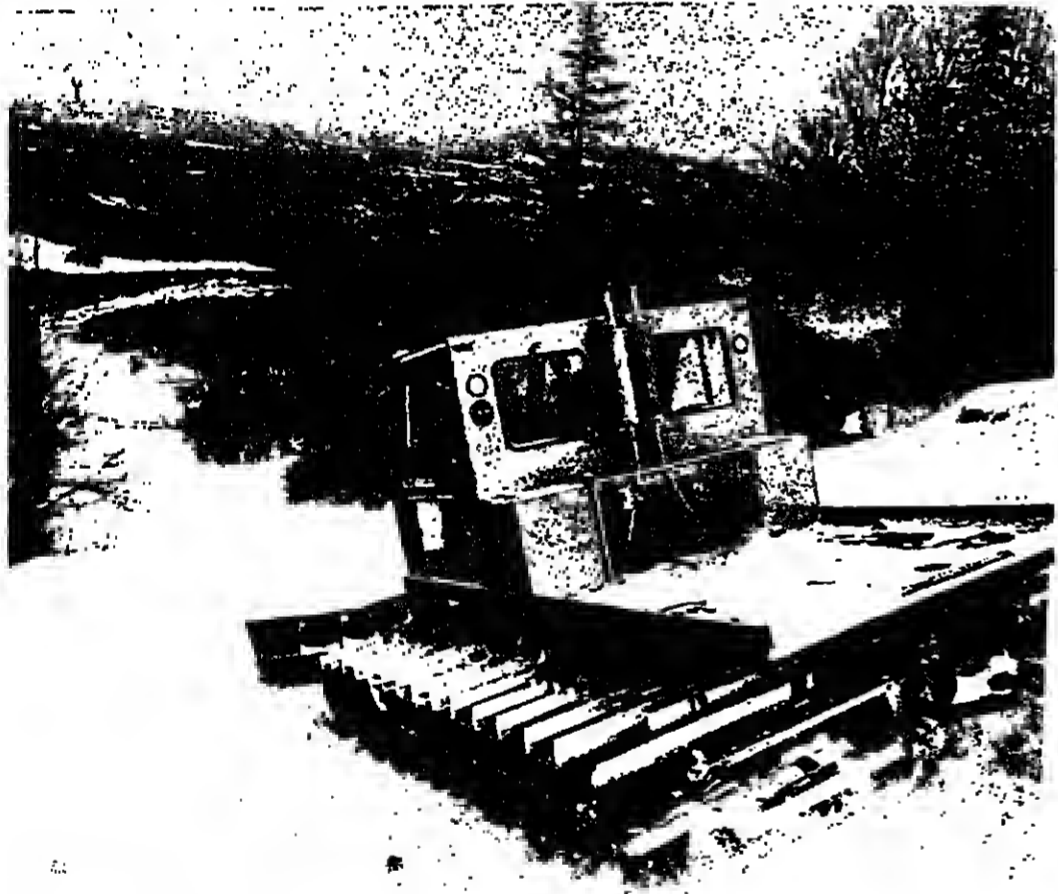
Grass is carefully planted for erosion control, then cut just before the snow comes. Some ski surfaces are even planned at angles that will protect them from the sun's rays.



An artificial blizzard sprays from a snow machine at Blue Hills, Massachusetts.



A compactor packs new, powdery snow.



U-blade levels powder on trail at Stratton Mountain, Vermont.



Ice is no match for one of these tillers.

Average Americans struggle to hang onto their houses

One of the great American dreams -- a house-and-yard for every family -- is steadily receding into the mists of fantasy. Inflation is threatening to put the single family residence out of reach of the average American family.

CALIFORNIA (F.T.) — The house-proud American family is suddenly finding itself house-poor. Inflated house prices, soaring property taxes (rates), escalating mortgage interest charges, are making it more and more difficult to buy a new and larger home or even to meet the expenses on an existing one and keep the home for which you may have lived a lifetime.

This is a sharp turnaround in a country where pride in home ownership is deeply ingrained. In the United States about two-thirds of the total population is living in its own home with a mortgage. It had, until recently, also become a rule of thumb that every family ought to move to a larger, more expensive home every five years.

Now people are more and more having trouble paying the cost of running the home they already have. In a round up on the subject, the Wall Street Journal told of home owners having to give up trips to Europe, cancelling holiday camps for the children, selling their horses, limiting their entertainment to the back yard, sending the wife out to work, cutting each others' hair. All because of the large hole in the often substantial family budgets made by house running costs.

According to the National Association of Home Builders, home owners last year were spending nearly 30 per cent of the total budget for this purpose, up from 23 per cent in 1965. By 1965 the ratio, it was thought, might rise to 35 per cent. At the root of the problem is the soaring price of housing, the result of what some observers call a "panic" to invest in real estate, as the traditional best insurance against inflation.

However, the result has been a fantastic inflation in the price of houses themselves. In the spring of 1976, the median price of a new house in the United States was about \$43,000, up \$3,700 from a year earlier, and getting on for close to double the median figure for 1970, according to the U.S. department of labour.

Above the median, many families were paying \$100,000 and more for houses in developments (known in the U.S. as "tracts"). Individually designed houses were selling in prime locations at anywhere from \$200,000 to \$500,000. Even with 30-year mortgages scheduled to be extended, it's said, to 35 and 40 years -- interest payments on such property were high, and getting

beyond the reach of what many householders could afford. Mortgage interest rates in the U.S. average around 10 per cent.

A recent survey conducted by Citicorp, the parent of Citibank of New York, showed that only 3.5 per cent of all those questioned were in the market for a new house, down from 6.8 per cent about six months earlier, because the interest and repayment costs have become too high for them.

Such were the problems of would-be house buyers. Even graver difficulties were facing many American families quite satisfied with the houses in which they lived, and with no intention of moving. The price of their property had escalated along with that of all property, and up along with it had climbed property tax assessments, in some cases doubling and trip-

ling in the space of a few years.

The result is that, in the Los Angeles area for example, the biggest housing market in the country, newspapers for months on end have carried letters from indignant readers lamenting that they will have to sell their homes because they can no longer afford to pay the taxes levied on them. Some of the most heart-rending have been from older, retired couples, some of them still living in the house they first occupied on marriage.

At meetings called by the authorities, disturbed by the vehemence of the protests, there have been angry scenes, with some of the more militant householders threatening tax strikes. The average rate increase in the county last year was 14.3 per cent, but some homeowners received demands that were 75, 80 even 100 per cent higher than a year earlier.

Everybody agrees that the present state of affairs is outrageous, and even some of the families who are now sitting on property worth up to ten times that they paid for it, depending on how long ago the purchase was made, are begin-

ning to wonder if this is a mixed blessing. According to some commentators, their status has been become rather like that of paupers living in palaces.

The way columnist and T.V. personality Louis Rukeyser sees it, "Inflation, as we have seen, threatens to put the traditional house-and-yard beyond the average American family's reach". Adds another commentator, "today, the single family residence is a luxury item. The average working person cannot afford this, so he is going into a cluster (attached housing) development or a mobile home". Condominiums, the alternative accommodation for those who don't want the bother of house and yard care, are now priced way up with single family homes.

What's the solution? One way out would be a revival of new house building from the worst slump in 40 years. Some signs of this happening are apparent. In July, 1976, new

housing starts were running the annual rate of nearly a million, according to the department of commerce. It projected they might reach 1.7 million this year and over 2 million in 1978. But on that is below the level of the earlier seventies.

Another proposal is that federal government should part of the mortgage for low income families, a practice already in partial operation. Another idea is that instead property taxes having to meet the cost of financing state local education and welfare the burden should be shifted to some other form of taxation.

So far, no one seems to have advocated the solution opted for Great Britain a year ago, and which effectively pricked the housing bubble there: Limit the amount of mortgage interest payments which could be set off against personal income tax.

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South vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ 10 3
♥ K 6 4
♦ K J 8 3

EAST
♠ Q 9 8 4
♥ J 7 5
♦ 10 8 5
♣ Q 9 5

SOUTH
♠ K 7 2
♥ A 9 4
♦ Q J 3
♣ A 7 6 4

Deal:
East South West
Pass 2 NT Pass
Pass Pass Pass
Lead: Ten of ♠.

Your first consideration the play must be to make our contract. South ought to heed this cardinal principle and paid dearly for

The auction was short and sweet. South showed a lanced hand of 13-15 points and North knew exactly where he wanted to play the end.

West was reluctant to lead on his major suits for fear of presenting South with his high trick, so he made the usual choice of the ten of clubs. Since the lead seemed marked West with the nine well, declarer saw he could bring in the whole fit. Without further ado he overrode with the jack. East eyed the queen and declarer took the ace and re-rove a club. When West followed with the two, declarer jessed the eight. East won nine and shifted to the ace of spades, setting four

tricks in that suit for the defenders. Down one. Declarer was too hasty in his play to the first trick. With four tricks in diamonds

and two in hearts, he needed just three tricks from the club suit for his contract. But more important was the fact that he did not want

East to gain the lead. At all costs, he had to prevent a spade lead through the unsupported king! Declarer could virtually

have assured the contract by playing a low club from dummy at the first trick! East cannot gain by putting up the queen (if he does, declarer has at least three quick club tricks), and our declarer simply follows low

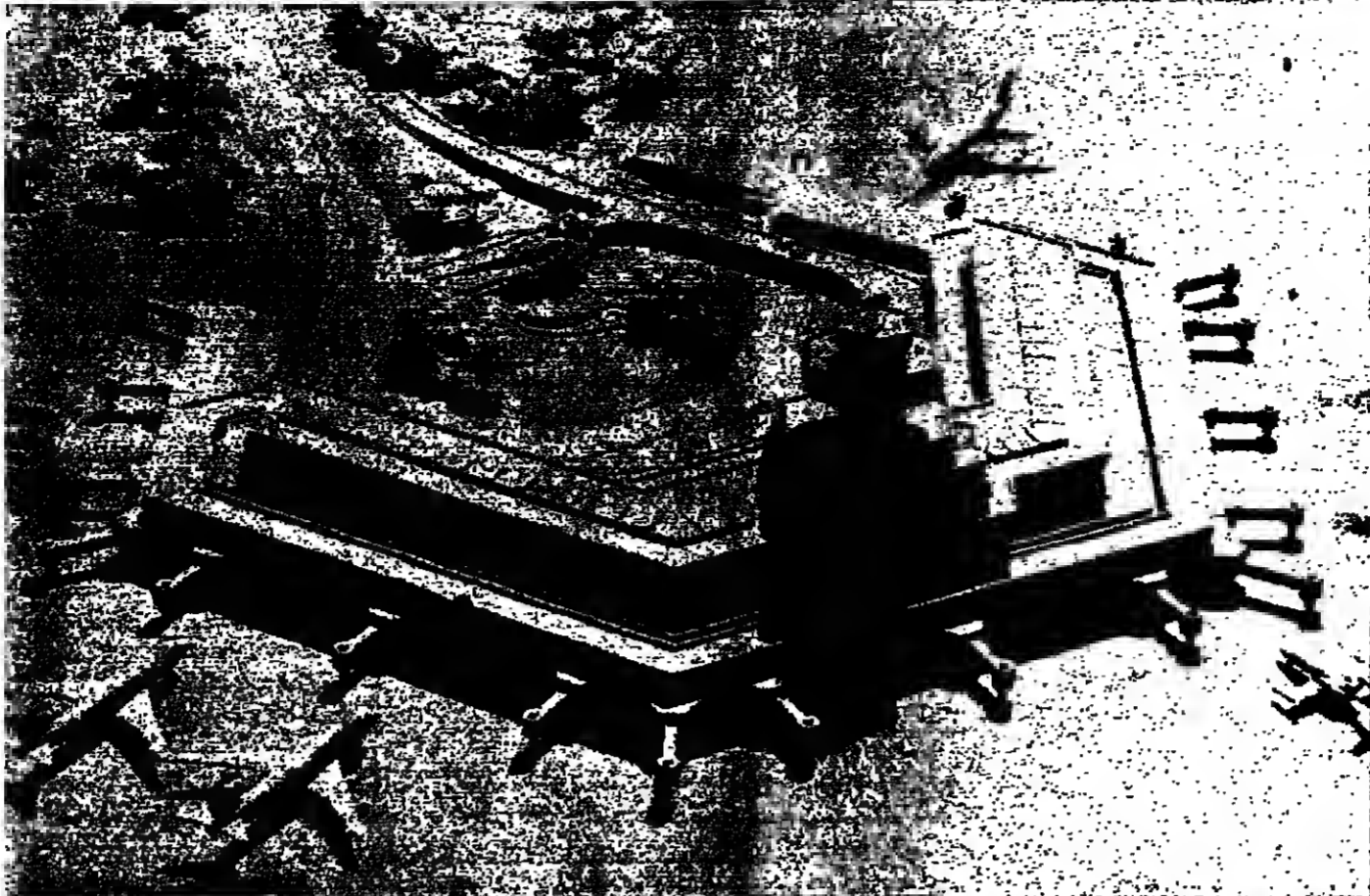
as well. Unless the ten was singleton, declarer is sure of three club tricks while shutting East out of the lead.

What if West started with four clubs to the Q-10-9? It matters not. In that case,

when declarer later plays the ace of clubs, East will show out and the finesse will

be marked. If both defenders follow to the ace of clubs, declarer knows the suit will divide 3-2 and he can drop the queen next. Either way, the contract is guaranteed.

THE PAGE FIVE FEATURE PHOTO



NEW MOSCOW AIRPORT TO BE MODELLED ON WEST BERLIN -- Sheremetyevo III, Moscow's new international airport, will be opened in time for the 1980 Olympics. It is modelled on Tegel airport, West Berlin, which was inaugurated in 1974. Nineteen 'fingers' will point out from a hexagonal terminal building in glass, steel and concrete with white marble flooring. In Tegel passengers can virtually drive in to the check-out point, but Sheremetyevo procedures will be less informal.

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GENERAL TENDENCIES: You are under excellent influences for making headway and progress. Be precise and thorough in getting together the information you need to put across your talents.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Get in touch with an expert who could help you with a plan you have in mind, which could lead to greater success. What you have learned in the past could help you now.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Think big if you want to get big since you are thinking very cleverly about money and advancement now. Get in touch with a financial wizard if you are not sure about certain points.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Competition is very keen right now, and rivals seem to come from all corners. Be sure of your facts and present them with confidence.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) Be more enthusiastic about some plan you have that will improve your life and career. Make wishes a reality with a loved one.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) A good time to indulge in social pleasures and renewing friendships. Know what you want and go after it in a clever and positive way.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) An influential person you know can assist you in having more prestige in the community. Follow his advice. Make wise concessions.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) You are surrounded with new opportunities so be alert and take advantage of them. Be active and you will be happy.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Your hunches are working fine so be sure to heed them in your dealings with others. Don't issue challenges or ultimatums.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Listening carefully to associates' ideas can bring better understanding between you. A situation arises that needs to be handled with kid gloves. Be wary of the actions of a loved one.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) You are in a productive mood. Get chores out of the way and get to work on your good ideas. Make needed additions to your wardrobe and improve appearance.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Hobbies are fine, but restrict them to spare hours. Members of the opposite sex are attracted to you and pay favorable compliments.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Help a friend who needs it at this time. Anything you do for others now will come back to you as pure gold. Romance enters the picture.

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TONIGHT'S T.V. FEATURE

BRADY BUNCH: BIG SPRAIN

Housekeeper sprains her ankle and the Brady children are obliged to do her chores.

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What will Steve Austin do to quash sailors plot threatening to demolish town unless they receive a large sum of money?

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CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ACROSS
30. Paraphrase
32. Bedstead
33. Current lining fabric
35. The highest official abbr.
37. Concluded
38. Physician: abbr.
39. Unit of surface of land.
40. Altar screen
43. Poorest part of a fleece
45. Sunken fence
46. Domino
49. Ruffles
52. Miss West
53. Pavilion

DOWN
1. Wrong
2. Female goat
3. Convey property
4. About
5. Bolin and Buckingham
6. Coaster
7. Mixed type
8. West Indian sorcery
9. Cuck beetle
10. Card
11. Grimace
15. Harness racer
19. Silkworm
20. Duchy
22. Old Siamese coins
23. Manifest
26. --- Alamos
28. Viscous liquid
29. Style of pitching
31. Keen perception
34. Movable cover
36. Membership
39. Sword hilt
41. Ostich
42. Ditto
44. Seated roll
47. Salt
48. Explanation
50. Roadway
51. Continent: abbr.

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WE GOTTA HAVE SOMEPLACE WHERE WE CAN HANG OUR FEET.
MY! DO YOU ALWAYS EAT LUNCH LIKE THAT?
NO, ONLY WHEN WE WORK ON PARK AVENUE!

